Maret School—11th & 12th Grade
Summer Reading 2026

Not all courses have summer reading. Only the courses listed here have summer reading.
*Books with asterisks **(*)** are available in ebook format via the Sora app.*

Humanities Electives

African History

- None

Between the Lines

- None

Civil Liberties

- Watch: "What the Constitution Means to Me"

Comedy & Satire

- Watch one PG, PG-13, or "approved" movie from the American Film Institute's The 100 Funniest American Movies Of All Time list. To help you select, this site contains descriptions of the movies and their ratings. Do NOT select *Dr. Strangelove*
- Watch one of the following high school comedy films:
    - *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* (1986)
    - *Clueless* (1995)
    - *10 Things I Hate About You* (1999)
    - *Mean Girls* (2004)
    - *She's the Man* (2006)
    - *Easy A* (2010)
    - *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* (2018)
    - *Love, Simon* (2018)

Cultural Media Studies

- None

Exploration of Ethics through Literature

- Read *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding* (please purchase the Penguin Classics Deluxe edition with an introduction by Stephen King. The ISBN is: 978-0143129400)

Gender & Sexuality in the United States

- None

History Research Seminar:

- Read Nora Krug, *Belonging: A German Reckons with History and Home*.

Humans Evolving Relationship with the Earth

- Required reading/ viewing. (1) Read *The Martian* by Andy Weir and you're done. **Or** (2) watch the 2015 film *The Martian* **and then** read these articles:
    - https://www.space.com/30699-the-martian-movie-space-book-review.html
    - https://archive.nerdist.com/all-the-big-changes-between-the-martian-movie-and-novel/ and
    - https://electricliterature.com/why-the-martian-movie-is-poised-to-be-better-than-the-book/

Law, Culture, and Society

- Listen to Season 1 of the *Serial* podcast (12 episodes) (Make sure you are listening to Season 1, which is about Adnan Syed.)

Literature and Theories of Knowledge

- Required viewing: *The Matrix* by The Wachowskis **and** *Inception* by Christopher Nolan

Literature of the Human Condition

- Literature of the Human Condition Summer Reading

Myth and Meaning with Ovid and Plato

From the 41 short videos in the CrashCourse World Myth playlist, watch...

- **ALL OF THE FIRST 11 VIDEOS IN ORDER** (approx. 143 min.):
- --> video #1: What is Myth?
- --> videos #s 2-6: Creation Myths
- --> videos #s 7-11: Pantheons
- **PICK 9 ADDITIONAL VIDEOS PER PERSONAL PREFERENCE** (approx. 117 min.)

Religion, Power, and Social Change

- Subscribe to the "Believing" newsletter from *The New York Times* and read at least six different editions over the course of the summer.

Power of Story

- Choose **one** memoir from the list below (or one of your own choosing with Ms. Levinson's approval):
    - *Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali*
    - *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly* by Jean-Dominique Bauby*
    - *Brain on Fire* by Sarah Cahalan*
    - *When They Call You a Terrorist* by Patrice Khan Cullors*
    - *Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne Houston*

- *Small Fry* by Lisa Brennan Jobs*
- *The Home that Was Our Country* by Alia Malek*
- *The Color of Water* by James McBride*
- *A Long Way Gone* by Ishmael Beah*
- *Ball Four* by Jim Bouton*
- *The World According to Fannie Davis* by Bridgett M. Davis*
- *Hunger* by Roxanne Gay*
- *Power Forward* by Reggie Love*
- *Becoming Maria* by Sonia Manzano*
- *Tomorrow Will Be Different* by Sarah McBride*
- *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt*
- *Boy Erased* by Garrard Conley*
- *In Order to Live* by Yeonmi Park*
- *Out of Place* by Edward Said*
- *Where the Past Begins* by Amy Tan*
- *Educated* by Tara Westover*
- *Becoming* by Michelle Obama*
- *Pageboy by Elliot Page**
- *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi*
- *Dreams from My Father* by Barack Obama*
- *Trying to Float* by Nicolaia Rips*
- *Just Kids* by Patti Smith*
- *As Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi*
- *The Yellow House* by Sarah Broom*
- *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren*
- *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner*